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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

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PARIS AND EUROPE.—ADEME PRINCE, 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—J. T. STEWART HARRER, THE CHINESE EVANGELIST OFFICE, 52, West 22d Street.

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AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

CYPRUS.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo.

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CHINA.—MACAO, A. A. DE CRUZ, Amoy, N. MOALLE, Poole, Hedges & Co., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., AND KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., AND KELLY & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

AID-UP CAPITAL.....\$9,295,677.07
RESERVE FUND.....\$6,600,696.31
RESERVE LIABILITY OF.....\$9,295,677.07
PROPRIETORS.....

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—J. S. MOSES, Esq.
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MANAGER.—John WALTER, Esq.
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HONGKONG
INTEREST ALLOWED
ON CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNT AT THE RATE
OF 2 PER CENT. PER ANNUM ON THE DAILY
BALANCE.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 4 " 4 per cent.
" 12 " 5 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Faculties, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

F. DE BOVIS,
acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, March 11, 1891. 393.

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£80,000.

London: Head Office, 40, Threadneedle Street, West End Office, 25, Cockspur Street.

BRANCHES IN INDIA, CHINA, JAPAN
AND THE COLONIES.

THE BANK receives Money on Deposit, Buys and Sells Bills of Exchange, Issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and Transacts Banking and Agency Business generally, on terms to be had on application.

INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS:
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 8 " 4 " 3 " 2 "

On Current Deposit Accounts 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

E. W. BUTTER, Manager.
Hongkong, September 4, 1890. 1362

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG
SAVINGS BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank, if marked On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,

F. DE BOVIS,
acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 1, 1891. 754

Intimations.

THE PUNJOM AND SUNGHIE DUA
SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company held This Day, the 31st March, 1891, owing to an insufficient representation of Sharees has been ADJOURNED till WEDNESDAY, the 3rd day of April, 1891, at 4 p.m., at the Company's OFFICE.

By Order of the Board,

A. Q. DOURDIN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 31, 1891. 659

THE BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY General MEETING of the BALMORAL GOLD MINING COMPANY LIMITED will be held at the HONGKONG HORST, at 2.30 P.M., on THURSDAY the 9th day of April, 1891, when the abridged Resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 20th day of MARCH, 1891, will be submitted for Confirmation in a Special Resolution:

That the Capital be increased to \$225,000 by the creation of 4,500 New Shares of \$10 each to be fully paid up, and that such New Shares be issued upon the following terms and conditions following: rights and privileges vis-à-vis:

(a) That the New Shares be called preference Shares and that the holders thereof be entitled to a cumulative preferential dividend at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum.

(b) That in the event of the Company being wound up, the holders of the said preference Shares shall be entitled to have the surplus assets of the Company applied in the first place in repaying to them the amount (\$10) paid up on the preference Shares held by them respectively, but that the residue of such surplus assets shall belong to and be divided among the other members of the Company.

(c) That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to issue said Shares, or such proportion of them as they may deem necessary, in such manner and to such persons as they may think fit.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. STEVENS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 25, 1891. 637

H. O. G. C. L.

NOTICE.

LOADING and CLEANING SETS, FITTED CASES of PAINTS and REQUIREMENTS, FRONT and BACK SIGHT PROTECTORS, POCKET CLEANERS in CASES, VERNIERS, VENTIMETERS, BARREL BRUSHES, ORTHOPTICS, BARREL REFLECTORS, GUN OIL, CARTRIDGE BAGS, WIMBLEDON SCORING BOOKS, &c., &c.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION! 9TH PRIZE MEETING.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE FOR SALE

MARTINI-HENRI-MATCH RIFLES,

LOADING and CLEANING SETS, FITTED CASES of PAINTS and REQUIREMENTS, FRONT and BACK SIGHT PROTECTORS, POCKET CLEANERS in CASES, VERNIERS, VENTIMETERS, BARREL BRUSHES, ORTHOPTICS, BARREL REFLECTORS, GUN OIL, CARTRIDGE BAGS, WIMBLEDON SCORING BOOKS, &c., &c.

WATERPROOF GROUND SHEETS, SHOOTING BOOTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 25, 1891. 611

W. POWELL & Co.

EX GREENFRUIT.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S

UNDERCLOTHING,

BABY LINEN,

&c., &c.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, April 1, 1891. 663

W. POWELL & Co.

HONGKONG, April 1, 1891. 663

W. POWELL & Co.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

HONGKONG DERBY, 1892.

THE WEIGHTS for the above RACE

will be weight for inches; not 10d. 10th as heretofore.

E. H. GORE-BOOTH,
Clerk of the Courses.

Hongkong, March 17, 1891. 548

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.

Clockmakers, Watch & Clock Makers, Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOIGTLANDER'S CELESTIAL BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.

RUBIN'S LIQUID & OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

ENGLISH SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, GLASSWARE & CO. ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY in great variety.

DIAMONDS

— AND —

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS of very moderate prices. 742

NOTICES OF FITTINGS.

N. O. T. J. C. E.

I HAVE This Day established myself in Hongkong, as a HILL and BULLION BROKER.

J. ANDERSON,
(late of Chartered Bank).

Hongkong, April 6, 1891. 691

N. O. T. C. E.

THE PARTNERSHIP hitherto existing between the Undersigned has been DISSOLVED from this date by Mutual Consent. FORWARD SETTLEMENTS will be attended to by Mr. E. JONES HUGHES.

HUGHES & EZRA.—

WITH Reference to the above I shall CONTINUE the BUSINESS of a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

E. JONES HUGHES.

WIT Reference to the above I shall CONTINUE the BUSINESS of a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER.

N. J. EZRA.

Hongkong, February 2, 1891. 231

NOTICE.

W. H. HAVE This Day OPENED a BRANCH of our Firm at HANKOW.

CARLOWITZ & CO.

Hongkong, March 13, 1891. 560

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM GEORGE MATHEWS was ADMITTED a PARTNER in my Firm, 1st March, 1891, which will in future be carried on under the Name of N. MOALLE & CO.

N. MOALLE.

Amoy, 1st April, 1891. 680

INSURANCES.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

NORTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 15, 1891. 1310

THE TOKYO MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, OF TOKYO.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, \$1,200,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appointed Agents, are prepared to accept FIRE CLASS HULL RISKS at Current Rates.

GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

Hongkong, April 1, 1891. 661

TERMS MODERATE.

TELEPHONE NO. 29.

PEAK HOTEL AND TRADING COMPANY, LIMITED.

Proprietors.

Hongkong

Intimations.

CALDECK MACGREGOR & CO.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
Ale and Stout Merchants,
13, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong.

Agencies in all the Principal Ports of
China and Japan.

Hongkong, December 22, 1890. 477

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

STAINFIELD'S—1, QUEEN'S ROAD
EAST. A few doors below H. M.
Dockyard. PRIVATE BOARD AND RE-
SIDENCE. Terms moderate.

Mrs. STAINFIELD,
Hongkong, January 6, 1891. 42

TODAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

LAST THREE NIGHTS OF
MR. G. C. MILN,
MISS ETHEL JORDAN
AND COMPANY.

TOMORROW,
WEDNESDAY, April 8,
OTHELLO.

FRIDAY, 10th April,
GRAND MILITARY NIGHT.
Under the Patronage of Lieut.-Colonel
VERNER CHATER, and the Officers
of the Argyle and Sutherland High-
landers, upon which occasion will be
performed Bulwer Lytton's Charming
Peculiar Play.

THE LADY OF LYONS.

SATURDAY, 11th April,
MACBETH.

POPULAR PRICES—\$2 and \$1. Soldiers
and Sailors Half Price to 'em.
Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH.
Doors open 8.30. Commence 9 prompt.
Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 707

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

SUNDAY, the 12th April, at 9 p.m.

LECTURE by the Distinguished Actor
MR. GEO. C. MILN.

CHURCH AND STAGE
FOR THE JOINT BENEFIT OF
THE ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL,
and the FAMILY OF
BOMBARDIER ASHDOWN, R.A.,
(Who met with accidental death last Saturday and leaves a large family).

Reserved Seats..... \$1.00
Admission..... 0.50
Seats on Sale at Messrs. Kelly & Walsh,
Ltd.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 708

THE NORTH-CHINA INSURANCE
COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Fourteenth Ordinary General
MEETING of the above Company will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, SHANGHAI, on MONDAY, the 20th Instant, at 2.30 p.m., for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1890, the election of Directors and Auditors for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th to 20th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
ALEX. ROSS,
Secretary.

Shanghai, 1st April, 1891. 701

THE HALL & HOLTZ CO-OPERATIVE
COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE..... SHANGHAI
REGISTERED OFFICE, 4, Queen's Road,
Hongkong.

THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING
of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Company's HEAD OFFICE, 13, Nanking Road, SHANGHAI, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon of SATURDAY, the 25th April, 1891, when the Report and Accounts for the year ended 29th February, 1891, will be presented.

The Transfer BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 26th Instant (both days inclusive).

PROXIES must be sent in for Registration, not less than 24 hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Directors,
W. HAYWARD,
Secretary.

April 2, 1891. 700

TO LET.

TOGETHER or Subdivided, Suite of
THREE OFFICES on the First Floor,
and GODOWN on the Ground Floor of the
ICE COMPANY'S PREMISES in Ice House
Lane.

Apply to the MANAGER at the Depot,
or to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 710

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship *Boburus*
will leave for the above
place about 24 hours after arrival here with
the outward Mail.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 705

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA, VIA NAGA-
SAKI AND KOBE.
(Passing through the INLAND SEA.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s
Steamship *Verona*,
Capt. F. H. SEYMOUR,
will leave for the above places on SATUR-
DAY, the 18th Instant, at Daylight.

E. L. WOODIN,
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 706

To-day's Advertisements.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA SWATOW.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at various rates
for CHEFOO, TIENSIN, NEW-
CHIANG, HANKOW and Ports
on the YANGTZE.)

Captain SELBY, will be
despatched on above TO-
MORROW, the 8th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 704

THE SCOTTISH ORIENTAL STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR BANGKOK (DIRECT).
The Company's Steamer
High Flyer.

Captain W. PHILLIPS,
will be despatched for the
above Port on THURSDAY, the 9th Inst.,
at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
VUEN FAT HONG,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 703

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamer
Zefiro.

Captain COOPER, will be
despatched for the above
Port on THURSDAY, the 9th Instant, at
4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 702

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAMSUI.

The Co.'s Steamship
Hawke.

Captain ROACH, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 10th Instant, at
Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAIRAK & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 709

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Underwriter has received instruc-
tions from Captain LLOYD, to sell by
Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 11th April, 1891, at 2.30 p.m., at his
Residence, No. 12, Caino Road,

THE WHOLE OF THE
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.,
comprising—

TAPETRY, COFFRED DRAWING ROOM SUITE,
CHINSET GLASS, CARVED AND ROSEWOOD,
EXTENSION DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD,
WHITING, CHOCOLATE, GLASS AND PLATED
WARE.

GLOBE BOOK CASE AND VICTORIA CHAIRS,
DOUBLE AND SINGLE IRON BEERSTEADS,
IRON CUT, DOUBLE AND SINGLE WARDROBES,
CUPBOARD, DRAWERS, TOILET TABLE WITH
GLASS, MARBLE TOP, WASHPED.

ONE COTTAGE PIANO, by FREDERICK
KROGH, LONDON,
&c., &c.

On view on Friday, the 10th Instant,
from 11 o'clock noon.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 699

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.

FOR HAMBURG (DIRECT).
(Taking cargo for SOUANE & QUINHON.)

The Co.'s Steamship
Hupkong.

Captain BOUSQUET, will
leave for the above Port
on SUNDAY, the 12th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, April 7, 1891. 711

NOT Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Officers will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong 11 hours:

—AOYU CHIN, American barque, Capt. F.
CARLETON.—ROUTER, Brocklebank & CO.

HEATHER BELL, British barque, Capt. THOS.
HUGO.—SWEDESON & CO.

PENSHAW, British barque, Captain John
LUSKEY.—GIBB, Livingston & CO.

—SAFARI, French steamer, 1,220 t.
SHANGHAI April 4, 8 p.m., Mikland General
Marine & Maritime.

—LONDONDERRY, British steamer, 1,570 t.
Cape Town April 18, and Singapore 31,
General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

—FRENCH, French steamer, 1,220 t.
SHANGHAI April 4, 8 p.m., Mikland General
Marine & Maritime.

—ASIA, Japanese steamer, 1,521 t.
Sokkai Nagasaki April 2, Coal.—MITSU BISHI.

—GLOUCESTER, British barque, 1,389 t.
W. T. HANNAN, Swanport April 6, General.

—MARIBURK, Furniture Co., Ltd.,
Mariburk Furniture Co., Ltd.

* Founder's shares

LOAN. Amount. Value. Interest. Quotation.

Chinese..... \$1,594,700.13 \$500 8 p. annum par, sales.

DEBENTURES. Ths. 767.35 Ths. 250 14 p. prem.

Hongkong Hotel M.t. \$2,400,000.00 \$500 6, prem. \$601

Business Notices.

4, QUEEN'S

Road.

EX S.S. 'GLENFRUIN.'

LADIES' HOUSE SHOES.

LADIES' WALKING SHOES.

LADIES' CANVAS SHOES.

CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES.

The above are a Special Purchase and Splendid Value.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS—APRIL 7, 1891.

Stocks. Nos. of Shares. Value. Paid up. Closing Quotations, Cash.

HONGKONG. Shangh. B. & Co. 60,000 \$ 12. a 201 p. prem.

New Issue. 20,000 \$ 12.50 26.0 p. prem.

SHANGHAI. 25.00 22.5 p. prem., old cum nov.

CHINA & MANILA. 10,000 \$ 25.00 22.5 p. dividend

CHINA & MANILA. 20,000 \$ 25.00 22.5 p. sales

2,000 1,000 21.5 p. 25.0

YUNNAN. 5,000 \$ 20.00 10.0 p. buyers

YUNNAN. 10,000 \$ 20.00 10.0 p. 25.0

YUNNAN. 20,000 \$ 20.00 10.0 p. 25.0

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THE CHINA MAIL

The *China Mail* says that some capitalists intend to form a River Steamboat Company with a capital of \$500,000, or \$10 shares, to trade between Canton and Hongkong, and probably Macao. New steamers are to be built, and in the meantime the *Kia-pow* will either be temporarily chartered or bought by the new company.

The *Woh Tse Yat Po* (*China Mail*) learns from good authority that Mr. Cho Chao-hong, now Consul for China in Singapore, will be transferred to Hongkong as Chinese Consul, and that Mr. Hwang Tai-hien, who is now Secretary to the Chinese Legation in London, has been appointed Consul General of China in Singapore, taking Mr. Tan's place on or about July next. Mr. Hwang Tai-hien is an ex-secret Tao-tai. He was Consul General at San Francisco for over three years and made himself very popular there. Prior to his departure for Frisco he was first Secretary to the Chinese Legation in Tokyo. We also hear, says our Chinese contemporary, that Mr. Young Sing Lin, late Chinese Consul at Nagasaki, has been appointed Consul at Rangoon. There may have been a revival of the dead plot in regard to a Chinese Consul for Hongkong, but we do not suppose that even Sir John Walsham would go so far as to favour such a scheme. The arguments which killed the project twenty years ago are equally applicable now, and the need for representation is less. With regard to the other appointments our contemporary is doubtless correctly informed.

The following telegrams are translated from the *Choya Shimbun*. We give them for what they are worth:

Berlin, March 23d.
The telegram on the subject of the Secret-Oscars and Dufaux Treaty has ended. (The probable reference is to the Triple Alliance.)

The Emperor of Germany has sent an autographic letter to Prince Bismarck, thanking him for the pains he took in bringing the negotiations on the above-named Treaty to a successful termination.

Dr. Koch's reputation has been very much affected by the use of counterfeit money, even the Government having lost faith in his remedy. The perpetrator of the deceit has been arrested, and Dr. Koch's reputation restored.

Jinsen, Corea, March 25th.
The Russian Government has sent a request to the Chinese relative to the anchoring of their vessels on the coast of

Sohu Seibutu.

It is reported that Viscount Aoki is to accompany Count Ito to China, the Revision of the Treaty between China and Japan being the object of the visit.

In what we hear of the Chinese navy is true, that the old system of universal corruption and rottedness everywhere has been revived, since Admiral Lung was forced to retire, the prophecy of the soothsayers that the Chinese Navy will be on a par with the land forces, seems likely to be in a few years fulfilled to the latter.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

On Tuesday last the *N. C. Daily News*, some excitement was caused at Kinsayuan by the *Kiang-chou* colliding with the *Kiong-ku*. The former was swinging round when her stern caught the stock of the other steamer's starboard anchor, and she hung there for some time. The damage done did not amount to much. The stock of the *Kiang-chou*'s anchor went through the forecastle and the *Kiang-chou* had some wood and iron work smashed at the stern.

According to the *Tokio* paper, says the *Japan Gazette*, the greatest excitement exists among the officials of all Departments, consequent on the sweeping reductions that have to be made. The Ministers, hardly any one excepted, feel uncertain of their position. The Department of Agriculture and Commerce have dismissed with the exception of 63 employees; fifteen of them being high-class officials. Signs of approaching earthquakes in other Departments are reported.

The *Tientsin* correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* writes:—The Board of Revenue supports the Board of Admiralty in the development of mineral resources of China. The former no doubt supports the cause on account of Chang Chih-wan being the chief President of the Board, and he being what is termed "cousin-brother" to Chang Chih-tung, who is pushing mining operations in Hupeh. The Governor, Chung-yang, is also taking mining operations in Shantung, and Lu Jui-jechi in Shensi, and Yu Lin-shin-king. This is on account of the many edicts that have been issued by the Emperor. The Censors in Peking are also in favor of developing the mineral resources of China, and opening steam flourmills at Peking, and other new depots. Several high officials from Peking have visited the steam flour-mills at this port lately, just to "look see."

Vice-Admiral Kiyoshi, Minister of the Navy, in a speech delivered in the House of Representatives, stated that the total amount of man-of-war tonnage required for the defense of Japan is 120,000, but that at present Japan has no more than about 60,000. It was settled in the Diet that the sum of 5,000,000 yen should be appropriated to the building of new ships, and that this amount should be expended in providing two cruisers of the Second Class, one cruiser of the Third Class, and one torpedo boat of the First Class. The Government has, now, according to the *Jiji Shimpō* of the 16th ultimo, decided on a program for the future, which we have appended. The total tonnage of ships to be built, in addition to those mentioned above is 82. Their classes and tonnages are as follows:—

2 Ironclads, each of 9,000 tons, and each to cost 701,640 yen.

3 Cruising ironclads of 8,000 tons each, and each to cost 4,218,840 yen.

1 Ordinary cruiser of the First Class, of 4,500 tons, to cost 3,201,649 yen.

2 Ordinary cruisers of the Second Class, each of 3,500 tons, and each to cost 2,403,612 yen.

1 Ordinary cruiser of the Third Class, of 2,500 tons, cost 1,771,245 yen.

3 Ordinary cruisers of the Third Class, each of 1,500 tons, and each to cost 1,070,567 yen.

7 Torpedo boats of the First Class, each of 2 tons, and each to cost 77,339 yen.

3 Torpedo-boats of the Second Class, each of 500 tons, and each to cost 67,700 yen.

The total tonnage of the above is 62,210, and the total cost 40,767,614 yen.—*Japan Gazette*.

Our Yokohama contemporary the *Japan Gazette* is given to understand that several prominent firms at that port have been impelled to cut off the electric light in their business houses which has been installed by Japanese; insurance having been refused on account of the defective nature of the installation.

A coal market has at length been found for Keeling coal. The mine is now in charge of government officials who have arrangements for the disposal of the product, having come to an understanding with the Shanghai Government on the matter. They have secured a deposit at Pouting where about 12 tons of land will be taken up for the storage of the coal which the steamer "South Sea" will bring up to Shanghai.—*Native paper*.

By advice from Peking I hear, writes the *Teitain* correspondent of the *Shanghai Mercury* that the Board of Revenue is very much opposed to the extension of railways. The Board, replying to the positions of the Tan San line, points out that the Chinese are to be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Revenue, as that Board had to pay the sum as requested by Li Hong-chang in 1888.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Korea to a friend in London:—Japan has established a post office and mail service in Korea. It is well known that apart from that existing firm of Moers, Morris, Townsend & Co., the bulk of the Korean trade is carried on by the Japanese. The latest scheme is to run a stage coach between Sino and Chemulpo. To make the distance between these two places either in a chair or on pack pony is a day's work. With two or three relays the trip can be made with ease and comfort in six hours. The scheme is not a new one, but up to this time it was expected that the Korean Government would fail it. We believe the Japanese will succeed in this enterprise, and if they do will render the Chinese *Hwang Tai-hien* and his coadjutor difficult that the change of system is expected to prove correct.

TODAY, the 1st of April, says the *N. C. Daily News*, Mr. Robert Anderson Mowat assumes the position of Acting Chief-Justice of H. M.'s Supreme Court for China and Japan and Acting Consul-General at this port; Mr. Robert William Mansfield assumes the position of Acting-Assistant Judge of the Consular and Commercial Court; Mr. Michael Forbes, Attorney-General, the positions of Acting-Senior and Junior Counsel and Assessor at the Mixed Court. The Foreign Office is lucky in having two such capable men at hand as Messrs. Mowat and Mansfield to prepare the way for the permanent occupants of the new posts, and they may be trusted to be up to the mark. The Syndicate await the return of Mr. Dundas to Peking where he is engaged on the affairs of the proposed railway.—*Strata Gazette*.

A few days ago, two of the telephone wires between Yokohama and Tokio united and caused some amusing mistakes. The bell of the Police Office ringing, a policeman hastens to listen and hears: "I will send the money to make up the price of the rice." A message intended for the police was a message asking—"How many wives have you?" The word "wives" was used, which is a homonym, meaning both a primary and a father-in-law. "My father-in-law is gone to worship at the temple," replied the merchant. "I am not joking," answered the infuriated policeman. "I am asking about criminals, and not about your father-in-law." The trader was not conscious of harbouring a criminal, but began to think there must be something wrong.—*Japan Gazette*.

A WEALTHY Mandarin of the Blue Bordered Court living in Peking, one evening found in his bed a letter with a string attached hanging from the roof. On opening it he discovered that it contained a demand for money. The writer stated that there were twelve sworn brothers who could not continue a journey upon which they were engaged on account of lack of funds. One hundred taels would be sufficient. The money was to be placed in the scuttle of the roof that night. Should they fail to find it or should any notice be given to the police, they would murder the entire family. Uncertain at first as to what to do, eventually the Mandarin took the letter to the Chief of Police of the district, who set a guard over the house. The black-mailers did not come to fetch the money, but the vigilance of the watchmen could not be relaxed. The food and pay of the guards will perhaps cost the man in the end considerably more than 100 taels.

THE N. C. Daily News says:—By the *Chungking* Convention that port was to be opened to foreign trade on the 1st of January last. Two months later the new system could not be worked, though the port was nominally opened on the 1st and 2nd of March, because the British Minister still withheld his approval of the necessary regulations. No explanation of any kind is forthcoming; Sir John Walsham appears to truly trust the master with silent contempt. We do not like to characterize this neglect as it seems to deserve, because Sir John may have some reason for it, of which we have not heard; but it seems to us that the Chamber of Commerce here, (Shanghai), which is the one most interested in the extension of foreign trade at Chungking, should ask for some explanation, and the Defendant, for the purchase of Kiangpu material; and the Court has now decided that there was such an agreement.

Whether the Company will keep to the agreement and pay the bargain money, or whether it prefers to be sued for damages, remains to be seen.—*Japan Gazette*.

Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, says a native paper, has done another thing towards the improvement of his province which may go far towards making his name famous and revered hereafter. He has issued a proclamation saying that while he is unable to give a living to any poor and pinching person, and raising the haves, still agriculture is not the only industry that should be pursued and the Defendant, for the purchase of Kiangpu material; and the Court has now decided that there was such an agreement.

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THE SINGAPORE-KOTA STAR and KULIN: Rightly give occasion for editorial comments to the *Strata Independent*; which has no doubt of its benefit to Penang as had already been pointed out in the *Strata Times*. The *Independent* says:—Let us therefore be alive and doing. Penang may yet be the great entrepot of trade between the West and the Far East; Penang may become both a cooling station (with a still larger military contribution) and a port of call for every steamer that will pass the Straits from West to East and vice versa; our settlement may, in fact, be the apex of the triangle that will unite the Far East with the Western world. In these days of rapid intercourse, when a difference of a few hours in the receipt of a letter or a consignment of light goods may occasion measurable prejudice, we must be alert to meet the competition of our rivals.

CHUNGKING:—A native paper says:—When not adverting to the weather and the darkness of the night.

—That proper sounding with the deep sea lead was not taken, and that after obtaining soundings with the lead-line at 14 fms., the ship should have been hauled up.

—That the master, in shaping his course, should have made allowance for a possible current setting the ship to leeward.

—The Court, therefore, orders that the master's certificate be, for the omission and mistake of judgment aforesaid, suspended for six calendar months from this port.

—That consideration, however, of the fact that this is the first accident which has happened to him during the 13 years for which he has been in command of the vessel, and of his general good conduct and character, the Court recommends the Board of Trade to fasten a First Mate's certificate during that period.

—The Court commends the chief officer for having, previous to the casualty expressed his opinion to the Captain that the ship was too close to the land, and ought to be hauled off.

—The conduct of the other officers and crew was free from blame.

Given under our hand, this 28th day of March, 1891.

J. G. HALL,
H. D. Consul,
S. J. Parsons,
Master & Compt.
B. Marais,
Master & Swanfield.

THE CHINA MAIL

WE hear that by a rescript of the 9th day of the 11th moon, the Emperor of China conferred the 3rd class of the 3rd degree of the Double Dragon upon Señor H. de Uriarte, the New Consul-General of Spain, appointed for China, with residence at Shanghai.—*Shanghai Mercury*.

Some freight cars on the Tsin-tau railway laden with cotton caught fire through cinders and smoke arising from one car's smoke-stack. As the strong wind was blowing at the time and the train was in motion, several cars were destroyed before assistance could be rendered.—*Hupao*.

Some doubt, says the *N. C. Daily News*, exists as to the power of the Board of Revenue in the present case. The *Strata Independent* says that the Board of Revenue is to be responsible for the remission of the remainder of the sentence under which George Ward is in prison for the crime of conspiracy. It has the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform the petitioners that the Board of Revenue is to be responsible for the remission of the remainder of the sentence under which George Ward is in prison for the crime of conspiracy. It has the honour to request that you will be good enough to inform the petitioners that the Board of Revenue is to be responsible for the remission of the remainder of the sentence under which George Ward is in prison for the crime of conspiracy.

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WHAMPOA.

Ship's Name.	Flag & R.	Date.
Ashington	Ger. str.	
Canton	Brit. str.	
Ofchoe	Brit. str.	
Doris	Ger. str.	
Fidelio	Ger. str.	
Foolsang	Brit. str.	
Fushun	Chi. str. Shanghai	
Leymoon	Ger. str.	
Marie	Ger. str.	
Yungching	Chi. str. Shanghai	

AMOY.

In port on March 28, 1891.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Diamant	British
Haitan	British
Claro Babyan	Brit. bge.
Kiss	Ger. bg.

FOOCHOW.

In port on March 27, 1891.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.	
Velox	German
Contest	Brit. bge.
Sin Koia	Brit. bge.
Valkyrien	Brit. bge.

SHANGHAI.

In port on March 26, 1891.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Angers	British
Anahin Maru	Japanese
London	German
Baikal	Russian
Ching-wo	British
Clyde	British
Dardanus	British
Glaucus	British
Isamilia	British
King-fu	Chinese
Kung-yu	Chinese
Kung-wo	British
Macduff	British
Oriental	British
Sachsen	German
Salszie	British
Store Nordiske Dunash	British
Sus	British
Wha-on	British
Yuen-wo	British

MANILA.

In port on March 25, 1891.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Adolph Oehrig	Amer. bge.
Dorothy	Brit. str.
Crest Admiral	Amer. str.
Heathcote Bell	Brit. bge.
Heinrich	Brit. str.
Jenny	Brit. str.
Oriant	Brit. str.
Pennshaw	Brit. str.
Sara Mercedes	Peru. bge.
Wm. Le Lachaux	Brit. bge.

NAGASAKI.

In Port on March 20, 1891.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSEL.	
Chihaya Maru	Japan. bge.
Highlands	Brit. bge.
Filda	Brit. bge.
John E. Sayre	Amer. ab.
Kumasaki Maru	Japan. bge.
Nasatino	Brit. bge.
Facelot	Amer. ab.

NAGOYA.

In Port on March 17, 1891.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Delle O'Brien	Amer. ab.
Houck	Brit. ab.

BIKOKO.

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B. P. Cheney	Amer. ab. Boston
Elliot	Brit. bge. uncertain
Geo. B. Skiff	Brit. ab. Sandy Hook f.o.
John M. Blaikie	Brit. ab. Iloilo
Ordoño	Brit. bge. United States
Plymouth	Brit. ab. New York
Robt. S. Beaufort	Brit. ab. Sandy Hook f.o.
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YOKOHAMA.

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MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Abyssinia	Brit. bge.
Diana	Amer. ab.
Josephus	Amer. ab.
Milverton	Brit. ab.
Pythomen	Brit. ab.
Thomas Dana	Amer. ab.
Wm. H. Conner	Amer. ab.

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